

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND
EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Civil No. 16-3779 (DWF/HB)

Plaintiff,

v.

**FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO
DEFENDANT RYAN GILBERTSON**

RYAN GILBERTSON, ET AL.,

Defendants.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or the “Commission”) having filed a Complaint and Defendant Ryan Gilbertson (“Defendant”) having entered a general appearance; consented to the Court’s jurisdiction over Defendant and the subject matter of this action; consented to entry of this Final Judgment; waived findings of fact and conclusions of law; and waived any right to appeal from this Final Judgment:

I.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rules 10b-5(a) and (c) promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.10b-5(a) and (c)], by using any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security:

(a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud; or

(b) to engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

II.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. §§ 77q(a)] in the offer or sale of any security by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, directly or indirectly:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to obtain money or property by means of any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- (c) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual

notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

III.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 77e(a) and (c)] by, directly or indirectly, in the absence of any applicable exemption:

(a) Unless a registration statement is in effect as to a security, making use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or of the mails to sell such security through the use or medium of any prospectus or otherwise;

(b) Unless a registration statement is in effect as to a security, carrying or causing to be carried through the mails or in interstate commerce, by any means or instruments of transportation, any such security for the purpose of sale or for delivery after sale; or

(c) Making use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or of the mails to offer to sell or offer to buy through the use or medium of any prospectus or otherwise any security, unless a registration statement has been filed with the Commission as to such security, or while the registration statement is the subject of a refusal order or stop order or

(prior to the effective date of the registration statement) any public proceeding or examination under Section 8 of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77h].

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

IV.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(d)] by failing to file any report of the acquisition of direct or indirect beneficial ownership of more than 5% of the outstanding shares of a class of voting equity securities registered under the Exchange Act within ten days of the date on which his ownership exceeds five percent, or, if any material change occurs in the facts set forth in any report filed with the Commission, failing to file an amendment with the Commission in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

V.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78p(a)] by failing to file any statement required of a direct or indirect beneficial owner of more than 10% of any class of any equity security (other than an exempted security) registered under the Exchange Act, or an officer or director of the issuer of any such security, regarding the amount of equity securities of such issuer of which the filing person is the beneficial owner, or any changes in such ownership.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

VI.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant is liable for disgorgement of \$12,980,559.00, representing profits gained as a result of the conduct alleged in the Complaint, together with prejudgment interest thereon in the amount of \$2,101,824.08, for a total of \$15,082,383.08, which shall be deemed satisfied by the Order of Restitution entered against Defendant in *United States v. Gilbertson*, Case No. 17-cr-0066 (D. Minn.).

Based on Defendant's conviction in *United States v. Gilbertson*, the Commission has determined to withdraw its claims for civil monetary penalties against Defendant.

VII.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to Section 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2)], Defendant is prohibited from acting as an officer or director of any issuer that has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78l] or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)].

VIII.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for purposes of exceptions to discharge set forth in Section 523 of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 523, the allegations in the complaint are true and admitted by Defendant, and further, any debt for disgorgement, prejudgment interest, civil penalty or other amounts due by Defendant under this Final Judgment or any other judgment, order, consent order, decree or settlement agreement entered in connection with this proceeding, is a debt for the violation by Defendant of the federal securities laws or any regulation or order issued under such laws, as set forth in Section 523(a)(19) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(19).

IX.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Consent is incorporated herein with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein, and that Defendant shall comply with all of the undertakings and agreements set forth therein.

X.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purposes of enforcing the terms of this Judgment.

Dated: January 26, 2022

s/Donovan W. Frank
DONOVAN W. FRANK
United States District Judge